LUMBER BUSINESS

Agitated Over the Reduction of the Tariff

AS HAS BEEN REQUESTED

By Canadian Members of Joint Commission.

THAT IS NOW IN SESSION.

Steps Are Being Taken to Counteract the Movement-The Reduction will Seriously Affect West Virginia's Interests-Where the Danger Lies in the Consideration of the Matter by the Commission - Would Take the Form of a Treaty.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8 .- Those who are engaged in the lumber business in this country are agitated over the revival of the question of reducing the cariff to \$1 as requested by the Canadian members of the high joint commission now in session in this city. Steps are being taken to counteract the movement, and telegrams are being sent to prominent lumbermen warning them of the threatened reduction.

Representative Dayton to-day notified a number of his constituents interested in the question, and a combined effort will be made to maintain the present rate. It was believed the matter was permanently settled at the Quebec session of the commission, when Repre-sentative Lawney was the outside representative of the American interest. The revival of the discussion, however, refutes this.

A prominent West Virginia operator said to-night that while he had every confidence in the American commissioners, he would nevertheless remain here to look after the lumber interests, because while the duty might not be reduced to \$1, it is possible for a reduction of 20 per cent to be effected, and this could not be borne. The effect of a decision by the commission, he said, is lasting, because it would take the form of a treaty, and could not be revised by Congress. He regards the present tariff as fair, and referred with some feeling to the time when every lath firm operaway was driven out of business by the Wilson bill. This paralysis was referred to merely as an example. Senator Faulkner is a member of the commis-

Canadian Joint Commission. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—The meeting of the Canadian Joint high commission at the Arlington to-day was followed by quite a long session of Canadian commissioners at their own quarters. It is now stated that owing to the unsettled condition of the commission's work it is impossible to say positively whether or not the commission will adjourn over for the holidays. This may indicate either a favorable or unfortunate state of affairs between the two sets of commissioners, but it is hardly thought probable by those who have watched the passage of negotiations that an amicable settlement can be reported before Christmas. commission at the Arlington to-day was

CABINET DISCUSSIONS

Over the Administration of Affairs of our New Possessions.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The discus-

sion of the details of the administration of government affairs in Cubs, Porto Rico and the Philippines under the treaty of peace which is about to be signed in Paris, occupied a large part of time at to-day's cabinet meeting. Cablegrams Dewey and General Otis at Manila, giving their views as to the number of troops that it would be necessary to keep in the Philippines during the ad-ministration of the military government. An official denial is authorized that the

keep in the Philippines during the administration of the military government. An olicial denial is authorized that the sale of the Philippine islands to any other nation has ever been considered by this government, and it is estated that the published statements to the effect that their sale to Japan had been under discussion was altogether false.

The cabinet also talked over an elaborate tariff measure which is now in preparation here to go into force as now planned, contemporaneously with the entire relinquishment of the island by the Spanish on January 1. This tariff measure, it is said, will show an average reduction all along the line of about 50 per cent from the Spanish tariff rates. The understanding now is that there will be no export duties and that in other ways the burden of taxation will be reduced.

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Postmaster General Emory Smith remained in consultation with the President almost the entire afternoon, talking over the scheme of postal administration of Cuba. There are two projects tonsidered, one to establish a United States system similar to that now operative in Porto Rico under direct administration and full control of the United States, and the other to give the Cubans an independent postal system to be established and equipped by the United States government, but to be operated and administered and all expense paid by the Cubans, this government merely furnishing equipment at cost prices and sesuming only a supervisory connection with it. A decision on this point will be reached shortly. Postmaster General Emory Smith will send several representatives of the postoffice department to secure information as to conditions and needs and they will report to him without delay. This commission may consist of as many as four experis, thoroughly familiar with the respective operation of the internal administration of inspection and registry.

COMMISSIONER SCOTT

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Recommends Amendments to the

War Revenue Act. WASHINGTGON, Dec. 9.—Chairman Dingley, of the ways and means committee, has received a letter from the commissioner of internal revenue, N. H.

Scott, recommending a number of amendments to the act of June 13, 1808, known as the war revenue act.

The recommendations cover changes of an administrative character under schedules A and B, also for the monthly

payment of excise taxes on sugar refineries and for a penalty for falling to statup parior car tickets. Further provisions are suggested as to the examinations by internal revenue office of articles subject to internal revenue taxes.

DEWEY AND OTIS

Report a Notable Improvement is the Philippines-Clerical Prisoners will be Released. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- The navy

lepariment has received a cablegram from Admiral Dewey, summarising the existing conditions at Manila and such points in the Philippines as have been visited by his officers. Advices also have been received from General Otis, the commandant of the United States mili-

been received from General Otis, the commandant of the United States military forces in the islands, and they both go to show a notable improvement in conditions and the growth of a better spirit among those factions of the natives which promises to give trouble.

This fact is particularly gratifying as the United States government is already giving consideration to the best means at hand to redeem the pledge it will be placed under by the treaty of Paris to secure the release of the Spanish prisoners held by the Philippine natives. There are about 500 cierical prisoners, and the government is confident that captors will deliver them up on proper representation from General Otis and Admiral Dewey, made possible through the consul, Wildman. It may be necessary to call the navy into this service for the reason that some of the prisoners are held in captivity on other islands than Luon, which can be reached best and most effectively by Admiral Dewey's shipe.

Besides the clerical prisoners, the Americans themselves hold nearly 15,000 Spanish solders as prisoners, men captured at the tail of Manila. They are actually on parcie about the city and the question is how are they to be returned to Spain. This must be settled by the peace commissioners in Paris.

West Virginia Porsonals.

West Virginia Personals.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Wes Virginians who have been in the city, on missions various are J. D. Culbertson, Wheeling: John T. McGraw, Grafton: W. A. Ohley, Charleston; R. K. Giffin, Wheeling; Alex, Matthews, Lew isburg; Col. Thompson, of Tucker coun

Mrs. Senator Faulkner has issued cards for a tea December 15, when Miss Sallie W. Faulkner, will be formally ushered into society.

ushered into society.
On Thursday, Commissioner of Inter-nal Revenue N. B. Scott took luncheon with the President, spending an enjoy-able two hours with Mr. McKinley.

Hasn't Thought of it Yet. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9,-Major General Wheeler authorized the following statement to-day as to reports that he had decided to resign from the house of

had decided to resign from the house of representatives:
"I was surprised to see what purports to be an interview about my resigning from Congress. I have never gone further than to say that I would consider the question when I had time, and would take such action as my friends would approve. Thus far, however, I have reached no final conclusion."

General Garcia's Condition. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—The condition of General Garcia is less favorable to-night, though at midnight he

LEFT OFF THE LIST.

was resting easy.

Wheeling and Lake Eric and C., L. & W. Not in the Federal Steel Company Combine. NEW YORK, Dec. 9 .- The Tribune will to-morrow print the following:

In regard to the reports that Federal Steel Company is negotiating for the purchase of the Cleve-land, Lorain & Wheeling, and Wheeling & Lake Eric compan-ies, H. K. Porter, chairman of the board of directors of the Federal steel company, ex-Governor Roswell P. Flower and a representative of President Gary, of the steel company, yes-terday (Friday), announced that the company was not contemplating the ourchase or control at pr other company or corporation. When the steel company was in process of organization, the advisability of taking in the two railroads mentioned were discussed, but they were subsequently left off the list. It is not impossible that at some time in the future, other companies including railroad organizations, may receive stention. receive attention.

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA. Ballington Booth's Patriotic Branch

of Salvation Army. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.- The second annual meeting of the Grand Field Council of the Volunteers of America, which has been in session here for the last

has been in session here for the last three days, finished its labors to-day.

There were twenty-two out of the twenty-seven delegates from the differ-ent regimental councils present.

The rules of the organization have been changed so that hereafter each post will have the right to send a lay delegate to this council which will give the members of the organization direct voice in the affairs of the grand coun-cil.

cil.

The uniform of the women members has been ordered changed from cadet blue now worn to the cadet gray color. In warm weather a white waist will be worn with a gray skirt. To further distinguish the bounet from that of the Salvation Army, it was decided to have a smaller bonnet and the top of it will be rolled backwards.

From to-day Ballington Booth will be designated as "General" Booth. It was

designated as "General" Booth. It was decided that this title was more in keeping with the military organization of the volunteers that that of commander.

mander.
The report of the treasurer shows a cash balance of \$345 89.
The receipts for general work were \$15,226 84. The receipts for the social or prison work were \$7,715 24, all of which was expanded.

Miller in the Lead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Before mid-night Miller had besten the world's reord made by himself a year ago, and cord made by himsest a year as a his friends believe that he will be able to remain ahead of his own record until the race is ended. A large crowd thronged Madison Square Garden all day and at midnight thousands of entertainty remained to cheer on the

AS TO PORTO RICO.

The Preliminary Report Made to Secretary Gage

BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Sent to That Country-The Custom Collections are Being Made Without any Disturbance-Two "Pesos" for one American Dollar-The Situation in the Country is now Reported to be Peaceable-The Greatest Task is Readjusting the Civil Adminis-

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.-Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, who is ex-pected to arrive in the United States from Porto Rico next Monday, has made a preliminary and informat report to Secretary Gage of his observations in that island. Under date of the 27th, he reports that the military authorities are getting along fairly well with customs collections. Everything reclved has been deposited with DeFord & Co., financial agents of the govern ment, and the amount now on deposit aggregates more than \$100,000. Spanish custom officials have been put to work at the various ports and this system works satisfactory. The men, he writes, are honest, and it is thought by prominent military officials that the government is getting everything it

should.

The report that customs officers in Posto Rico were receiving only pesos, and were declining to receive American dollars at San Juan is incorrect. That was the case for a few days, the Spanish customs officials interpreting the instructions to mean that only pesos, should be received. As soon as this was discovered, however, dollars or pesos were ordered to be received without prejudice, the rate of course being two pesos as against one American dollar. While that rate does not at all correspond with the commercial rate of \$1.65, it is a fact that about two-thirds of the customs at San Juan have been received in dollars, the remaining one-third in pesos. The customs offices are not allowed to exchange pesos back for dollars. Militars officers at San Juan contend that the reports that have reached the United States concerning the outbreaks and disturbances of the peace on he island are without substantial foundation.

Situation Now Peaceful.

During the evacuation there were more or less disturbances of a rather more or less disturbances of a rather personal private character, but the situation here now, Mr. Vanderilp weites, is as peaceable as it is in the United States. Within a few days, special reports have been received from the mayors of each municipality and they will unite in the statement that the conditions are entirely peaceable and the people law-abiding. There has been some trouble on the west end of the island by political agitators, mainly smong emigrants from Hayti, who are said to have a special facility for formenting discord, but at the present time there is nothing serious even in that district. The military authorities have been especially active in capturing some organized bands of bandits, and it is regarded as an especially good omen that the natives are rendering their aid in ferretting out these people. A number of bandits are confined in prison and they will receive civil trials, Possibly some of these cases may result in the execution of the offenders, and in fact our military authorities are inclined to believe that if this sort of punishment is ordered at the opening trials, little more of this kind of disturbance will occur in the island.

The American troops have, on the whole, been well behaved and have, according to the testimony of commanding officers, given practically no trouble at all.

A Tremendous Task.

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It has been a tremendous task, get-ting the civil administration of affairs into operation again. Practically all civil administration was at a standstill after the fall of the island. An endeavor after the fall of the Island. An endeavor has been made to put the Spanish officials, so far as could be done, back into their places and have the civil administration of affairs oc or as nearly as possible in the routine. At Ponce, where there are, says Secretary Vanderlip, some special sharp politicians, they revived an obsolete autonomist scheme of municipal government and were all ready to put it into force. General Brooks, however, found it of a most rigorous and paternal character and declined to permit its adoption, whereupon seventeen of the thirty members of the council resisted. The commanding general has just completed the selection of their successors and municipal affairs there will soon be adjusted. American commanding officers

The American commanding officers have been withdrawing guards from the sugar plantations and they think this is going to have a good effect. The condition of affairs, it is stated, is worse than slavery at some of these plantations. The work was done by "Peons" who receive fifty-five pessias a day, on an average, and were then subjected to the very worst type of "country store."

Gave Short Weight.

Those stores give short weights in ev-erything sold. Among several hundred alleged pound packages of rice weighed by American officials there was not one which weighed over three-fourths of a pound. Our officers made the owners of

which weighed over large-louring of at pound. Our officers made the owners of the plantations show some sort of fair treatment to the "peons," refused the request for guards, and have heard nothing further about riots. It is thought that the withdrawal of the guards from the plantations will work a great improvement and that has now been accomplished practically throughout the island.

The report closes by saying: "I learn that there is a great demand here for a boat for the coasting trade around the island. There is only one small boat, engaged in the trade, and she has freight from here away beyond her capacity, so that her owners refuge all shipments except randl ones upon which they can get the highest rate. A small accamer could undoubledly make good profit in the coasting trade."

How Anderson Met His Fate.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 9 .- John Ander son, the condemned murderer of Mate Baunders, of the schooner Olive Pecker, day and at midnight thousands of enthusiasts remained to cheer on the jaded six day riders.

The score at 1 a. m. was: Miller, 1.801.8; Waller, 1.784.8; Plerce, 1.738.8; Lewson, 1.535; Gimm, 1.602.2; Lawson, 1.535; Aromson, 1.545; Nawe, 1.518; Slevens, 1.545; Nawe, 1.518; Slevens, 1.545; Nawe, 1.518; Slevens, 1.545; Nawe, 1.518; Julius, 1.138.5,

LIPSCOMB'S CASE.

WHEELING, W. VA., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1898.

A Categorical Denial of the Register's Assertion—A Fabrication out of the Whole Cloth-Satisfied of Hiegal

Votes Cast.
Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
PARSONS, W. Va., Dec. 9.—Your correspondent called to-day upon Hon, P. Lipscomb at his office, with the follow ing article clipped from the Wheeling Register, and asked him as to its truth fulness. He read the article carefulls and replied: "It is positively untrue."

Here is the article; "THEFT NO, 2 will probably also be attempted in the same way. Judge Philetas Lipscomb, defeated Republican Philicias Lipscomb, defeated Republican candidate from Tucker, has been similarly piled with telegrams from Alkinson, Dawson and White, for several days, and was finally personally pleaded with by the Republican chairman of that county to permit this thing to be done "for party purposes" in his name, but he steadily refused, declaring repeatedly that he had been honestly defeated, and would not contest. Finally, in desperation, he told the emissary sent to him:

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"GO BACK AND TELL DAWSON AND GOVERNOR ATKINSON THAT IF THEY WANT THIS NOTICE BERVED THEY WILL HAVE TO SIGN IT THEMSELVES AND DO THE SWEARING. I WAS BRATEN FOR THE LEGISLATURE IN THIS COUNTY, AND HAVE NO GROUNDS FOR CONTEST AGAINST MR. WAGONER, AND I DECLINE TO BE A PARTY TO ANY SCHEME WHICH LOOKS TO DEPRIVE HIM OF THE SEAT IN THE LEGISLATURE TO WHICH HE WAS ELECTED."

Whether the conspirators will "sign it, themselves and do the swearing" remains to be seen. Probably it will be done, as it is proposed to do in the similar case of Capitain Pritchard in the face of his refusal to lend his name to the proposed theft."

Mr. Linscomb further said: "The Re-

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Mr. Lipscomb further said: "The Republican chairman of this county never saw, or spoke to me about the matter; neither did I ever make any such statement about Governor Atkinson and Secretary of State Dawson as is accredited to me in the Register article. It is manufactured out of the whole cloth. I know Governor Atkinson and Mr. Dawson personally, and know them to be honorable men and they will do nothing that honorable men ought not to do.

"Tucker county gave me 381 majority over Wagoner, the largest Republican majority ever received by any candidate in this county, and of course I naturally feel proud over it."

"I do not believe in contests, as a rule, and although in my case there were many filegal votes counted against me in Randolph county, I prefer to let the matter rest as it stands."

This news is interesting in view of the known opposition of both of these men to Senator Quaw politically, and in view of the charges recently made by Senator Penrose in which he stated that the charges against Senator Quay were the result of a conspiracy to defeat him for re-election to the United States senate and in his place name a person favorable to Messrs. Wanamaker and Cardon.

died down to seven. Two in the borough and five outside within a radius of ten miles. These cases are conceded to be smallpox in a very mild form, though no alarm has been fell by the citizens, these patients being entirely under control and are not permitted to mingle with other members of the families. The storice arising from interviews with Dr. W. B. Alkinson, of Philadelphia, who was sent here by the state board of health, are answered by Dr. W. T. Hughes, an old practitioner and eminent physician of this district.

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"The grossly exaggerated account of the smallpox scare in Bedford, given out by Dr. W. B. Atkinson, of Philadelphia, is an outrage and an imposition upon the people of the community."

At a town meeting sheld this afternoon a committee was appointed composed of town council and board of health and three prominent citizens, Judge M. Reynolds was made chairman. The following resolution was passed and voted that it should be given to the press:

"The people of this town have been greatly startled by unfounded reports concarning the prevalence here of smallpox. No greater wrong to any community can be imagined than that perpetrated in this instance and deep indignation prevails among the people who collected in an informat meeting this afternoon and severely denounced the statements purporting to come from Dr. Atkinson. There are two cases in this town and seven outside. Five families in all being affected and these are entirely under care and control. Dr. Atkinson did not see more than the five families stated and to say that one hundred and thirty patients were under his seves is entirely false. There is not the and thirty patients were under his is entirely false. There is not the alarm or apprehension felt among people and they are simply dazed at publicity given to these falsehoods. some cases of a peculiar skin af-on have existed in different parts of the county may be admitted, but they are not smallpox, and the town has been guarded or quarantined as was published."

The Boers Checkmated.

LONDON, Dec. 10 .- The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail for-wards a dispatch whiche the Transvan government has refused to allow the Daily Mail's correspondent to forward from that point. He says that the camfrom that point. He says that the campaign recently inaugurated by the Boer government against Chief M'Pefu, of Magato's tribe, in the Zouttansborg district, has proved a complete flasco. The chief has out-manoeuvred the Boers, and is now in the spiendidly fortified mountain stronghold, which he has so long occupied as a center of operations, and here he has assembled a

MAINLY "MAINE."

Spaniards Touchy on Havana Harbor Tragedy.

CONSIDER IT AN INSULT

To Have them Connected with the Blowing up of the American Battleship-Many Bitter Comments Made. The Protest Formulated by the Spanish Commissioners Against the Action of the United States-Treaty May not be Signed Before Monday.

PARIS, Dec. 9,-Senor Montero Rios, president of the Spanish peace commis-sion, and Senor Ojeda, secretary of that commission, are still confined to their beds. The illness of Senor Ojeda delays engrossing the treaty, and it is doubt-ful whether it will be signed before Monday.

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The Americans held their usual session this morning. The Spaniards continue making bitter comments concerning President McKinley's reference to the Maine. When a correspondent of the Manne. When a correspondent of the Associated Press approached Senor Garnica, of the Spanish commission, for further details of the treaty, he said; "The fact that you represent all the American and English papers is really a reason why I should say nothing. But, what you show me as having been cabled is substantially correct. The exact number of articles is still undetermined. It depends upon how Secretaries Oleda, and Moore divide the treaty. It may be twelve or twenty articles. The Americans are to pay the indemnity within three months of the ratification. We shall appoint consuls in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines without delay. The Cuban consul will be accredited to the powers that be."

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Asked why the Spaniards refused to consider it, and then they ask us for wintever they want. Quelle toupet. ("What cheek.") Yet the Cuban debt remains an important question for settlement."

The Maine Protest.

In regard to the Spaniards' final pro-test on the subject of the Maine, Senor "If do not believe in contests, as a rule, and although in my case there were many illegal votes counted against me in Randolph county, I prefer to let the matter rest as it stands."

QUAY'S COUNTER

On his Accusers—He Wants Them on the Witness Stand.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 8.—Counsel for Senator Quay in the conspiracy charges for which he is to be tried next wesk to-day subposmace ex-Common Plass Judge James Gay Gordon and ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker, as witnesses for the defense.

This news is interesting in view of the known opposition of both of these men to Senator Quay politically, and in view of the charges recently made by Senator Penrose in which he stated that the charges against Senator Quay were the result of a conspiracy to defeat him for re-election to the United States

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the charges against Senator Quay were the result of a conspiracy to defeat him for re-election to the United States senate and in his place name a person favorable to Messrs. Wanamaker and Gordon.

Subpoenaes were also served upon several persons in Judge Gordon's law office.

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office.

BEDFORD MALIGNED.

Only Soven Cases of Smallpox Can Be Counted There.

BEDFORD, PA., Dec. 2.—Indignation was never greater than at the present moment in Bedford. Indignation caused by the reports that have been given the press concerning the prevalence of smallpox in Bedford. Stories have gone abroad that the whole town was afflicted with the dread disease, that the residents were quarantined and barricaded. Two hundred cases reported have dwindled down to seven. Two in the borough and five outside within a radius of ten

and without an opportunity for discus-An Insult Claimed.

The protest concluded: "But these concessions which we were obliged to make touch us less than the insult make touch us less than the insult which has been inflicted on our nation by President McKinley in his megaare. We again protest solemniy against the accusation hurled against us in connection with the Maine, and we intend to again submit the question to an international tribunal. comprised of England, France and Germany, to determine who shall bear the responsibility of the catastrophe."

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In spite of the secrecy observed by the Americans, it is learned that the treaty consists of thirteen or fourteen articles. The principal articles provide for the cession and evacuation of Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippine islands, and the political, administrative and financial results thereof; the acquirement by the United States of public property, and the relinquishment of archives. The articles of secondary importance deter-United States of public property, and the relinquishment of archives. The articles of secondary importance determine the status of Spanish subjects remaining in the ceded territories and unfinished law suits and contracts; guarantees of the same terms to Spanish shipping and merchandise as imposed upon American shipping und merchandise in the Philippine islands, for ten years, and leaving the status of Spanish commerce in the West Indies to be settled later.

An important provision is the guarantee of religious freedom in the ceded territories, in the same terms as the Florida treaty, the Americans having steaffastly refused to incorporate any guarantee of the United States' determination to favor the property of the Catholic church, leaving it subject to the general laws on the same footling as private property.

operty.
Senator Grey, though well known to

be radically opposed to the policy of an-nexation or "imperialism," will vote in the senate to ratify the treaty, consider-ing that his signing that document blinds him to support it. Will Be Jointly Safeguarded.

LONDON, Dec. 10 .- The Times dealing editorially this morning with the "evidences of strong opposition to the annexation policy in the United States." and the rumors that America will resell the Philippines, says: "Despite all

Herald of the joint construct Nicaragua canal is significant of the dominance of the St

STILL KICKING.

The "Maine Incident" Blicks in the Craw of the Spania

MADRID, Dec. 8.—The Impercial to-day publishes another inflames tory article on the subject of the charges. The paper intimates explosion was the outcome of an intenre desire "upon the part of factions in the United States to see the

Outbreak of war, which was a popular with the majority of Am.

The Imparcial adds: The ordisan of the war realized that sething startling was necessary to an analysis. uch a monstrous act are well est f committing themselves." In conclusion the Imparmal mys

"Spain cannot remain under infamous charge. It would be able to give the world the gradinational suicide."

Rice Had Instruction LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Madrid cor respondent of the Standard mys;

"Senor Montero Rios acted under in he declined to accede to the American demands concerning the Carolines and ntimated a desire to close the negotia

"Both the government and the press "Both the government and be press
approve his action and prote scains
the conduct of the United Sates. Everybody in Spain is pleased may the negotiations are ended, because ill had
been apprehensive that free pretensions on the part of the United States
would be sprung upon the appanish
peace commissioners at every sitting."

WITH BANDS PLAYING

And Colors Flying the United States Troops will March Through Streets of Hayana To-day. HAVANA, Dec. 9.—The first United

States troops to march through streets of Havana will be the Two Hun-dred and Second New York regiment, which, with bands playing and colors flying, will march to-morrow from the San Jose wharf after landing there from the transport Minnewaska, through the heart of Havana, to the Western railroad station. The line of march will be through the parade and Central park. These troops will be sent to Pinar del Rio province.

General Davis, with the headquarters staff and one battailon will be at Pinar del Rio city, the regimental headquarers.and the second battallon will be at Quanajuay. The third battallan will be stationed at Mariel and the Higgins signal corps will be quartered at the city of Pinar del Rio. The troops will re main on board the Minnewaskn to-

night. General Davis and his staff landed at

General Davis and his staff landed at noon to-day and reported to General Wade. He breakfasted with General Greene. All on board are well. The baggare, stores and mules will be unloaded to-das.

No objection has been made so far by General Castellanes to the march through the city. The plan at first was to march to-morrow, but the Western Hallway Company has not rolling stock enough to move the regiment, with the mule trains and baggare and storw—in all ninety-seven carloads—at one time, so that the baggare and teamstars will be sent to-morrow and the regiment on

so that the baggage and teamsters will be sent to-morrow and the regiment on Sunday.

It is intended that the first appearance of the United States troops in Havana shall have an impressive moral effect upon the Cubans. To-day a sumber of Spanish soldiers gathered in the vicinity of San Jose wharf to get a look at their late adversaries. Friendly pes-tures were made on both sides. The Spaniards commented upon the large

Spaniards commented upon the arge size of the American men.

The regiment will take forty days' rations. Camp sites have been select-ed, but no work has been done on them and the men will have to make their

and the men will have to make their own camps.
Until further notice, General Davis will exercise the functions of military governor of the province of Pinar del Rio, now completely evacuated.
The correspondent of The Associated Press called the attention of General Davis to the fact that he would find Cuban troops occupying Pinar del Rio city and asked him what he absuld do. "The authority of the United States must be recognized as paramount," replied he, "but I can see no reason why the Cuban troops may not remain organized as military companies, though,

ganized as military companies, though naturally, when the necessity for the remaining in arms shall have passed, suppose they will disband. I have no apprehension of trouble." General Davis said he did not intend

to disarm the Cubans or to interfe with them unless that should be seen sary to preserve order.

THREE KILLED

And Others Dying, the Result of a Bad Railroad Wreek.
DU BOIS, PA., Dec. 9.—Three person

killed, three wounded, and the mother of one victim dying of the shock, caused All this resulted from two wrecks on

the Clarion River railroad near Portland

Mills, in Elk county, Wednesday,

train loaded with pulp wood was being hauled down the steep grade near Portland Mills and the rear end was test on the top of the hill, owing to the slippery tracks. While the front end was descending, the rear of the train became unmanageable and dashed down the hill, crashed into the front section. Both sections were wrecked and Erakeman Thomas Breshelman, on the front section, was instantly killed. A dinkey signle with a crew of five men was ordered back to clear up the wreck and bring back Breshelman's remains. The work was completed and while the train was returning, the engine jumped the track and rolled over down an embankment. the top of the hill, owing to the slippers

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Feeling in Trade Circles wa Absence of Fright

EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER

The Meeting of Congress, the President's Message, and the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury. Everything Moving Along Smoothly-This Year's Exports for December Starting off far Ahead of the Same Month's Marvellous Record in 1897-Industries Doing Well,

NEW YORK, Dec. 9-R. G. Don M Co.'s weekly review of trade will say o-morrow:

The most significant thing this week has been the entire absence of the cus-tomary nervous fright before or after neeting of Congress, the President's age and the treasurer's report. No one showed the least alarm, and nobody could find occasion for any. Money and stock and grain markets moved on exactly as if the government were nuto matic, certain to do or say no more than the people had already decided and exected and so the gradual betterment

since October continues. There is a larger demand for products in nearly all the great industries, targer export demand for foreign needs, a more ealthy domestic demand since seasonable weather arrived and a comforting onviction that November business, the biggest over done in this country in any month, was but a step toward something

Exports last year in December were marvellous, but this year's are starting far shead. The Atlantic wheat exports, flour included, have been for the week, 589,767 bushels, sgainst 4,112,137 last year, and Pacific exports 585,535 bushels against 276,033 last year, and prices have declined 2% of for cash, but Western receipts of 10,125,169 bushels against 5,215,471 from last year's great crop stops argument. The wheat does not come out low prices if the people have less to sell than last year at 30c more per bushel. So the come exports were 4,151,2681 against 3,312,066 last year, and such a foreign demand at prices much higher than last year and with wheat cheaper, is proof of a state of things abroad which Americans hardly appreciate. The Sea against a species much higher than last year and with wheat cheaper is proof of a state of things abroad which Americans hardly appreciate. The price declined only 1/20 with enormous

receipts

Cotion shared in the export movement fully and nevertheless has risen 3-16c fm price, with a feeling that estimates of yield may have been excessive. At the extremely low price yet quoted, foreign buyers do not stop to calculate commercial and mill stocks on hend.

The consumption in this country is not very large, being but little changed by troubles about wages at the South, though by more voluntary curtailment in New England, but the demand for goods is better, and has lifted the price of print cloths an eighth and some of the other goods a shade.

Woolen goods have been in much better demand and many of the smaller mills have been buying after concessions secured by the larger. The much broader market is more healthy and promises far more for the industry and sales of 10,555,200 pounds in two weeks past at the three chief markets against 10,852, are 700 pounds in the same weeks of 1852, are 10,555,200 podnies in two weeks 10.852,700 pounds in the same weeks of 1852, are quite in line with demand in prosperous years. Prices yielded about 1/2 in November, according to one hundred quotations by Coates Brothers, and from Philadelphia dispatches appear to be about a cent lower this week.

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The rupture of the inchoate rail combination, it appears, resulted in lower prices and larger cales in the first week of sharp competition than were realized a week ago. Prices were made in som transactions much lower than were then or are now quoted, and while \$17 at Pittsburg is now named, special orders are said to command lower figures. The purchase of 150,000 ions Bessener pig at \$10 at a valley furnace and 100,000 biles for Pittsburg at \$15.50 at which 40,000 tons reds at Chicago at \$22, and 2,000 tons reds at Chicago at \$22, and 2,000 tons plates for one concern at Pittsburg, berods at Chicago at \$22, and 22,000 tone plates for one concern at Pittsburg, besides enormous orders for bars and plates in car and ship building, a steam-ship contract on the Delaware and a contract for 5,000 tons for bridges at Chicago, sive some idea of the heavy business coming forward, just when the works usually expect a season of ideness and waiting. Pig from has risen at the East to \$11.50, and quotations average for pig throughout the country a shade higher than at any time this year, though prices for finished products have recently been declining and are lower than in the early months of the year. This week's failures have been 248 in the United States against 31 last year.

Flour Trust in Prospect. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 2.-In an in-terview to-day Clement B. Stern, of the Atlas flour mills, of Milwaukee, stated Atlas flour mills, of Milwaukee, stated that he expected the big flour combination would be in operation shortly. The combine will have a capitalization of \$30,000,000. A syndicate of English and American capitalizat has been negotiating with the owners of the mills jooking to the formation of a trust for some time past. Mr. Stern said that the Atlas flour mills would be included in the new organization. The combination will include practically all the spring wheat mills in the country.

Dowager Empress Snubbed. PEKIN, Dec. 9,-The new Russian ninister, M. De Giers, presented his credentials to emperor to-day. The dowdentials to emperor age of the dealer ager empers was not present. M. De Glers on his arrival here, refused to present his credentials to the dowager empress. The emperor appeared to be weak and sickly.

Movements of Steamships. SWINEMUNDE-Arrived 6th, Hekla,

liverPool - Arrived, Rhynland, miladelphia.
ROTTERDAM—Arrived, Spaarndam,
Vew York.
GENOA—Arrived, Aller, New York.
HAMBURG—Arrived, Patria, New

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia, Western Pennsyl ania and Ohio-Generally fair, precede y snow flurries on the lake; fresh to risk west winda. Local Temperature. The temperature yesterday, as observed by C. Schnepf, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows: